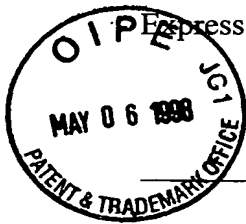


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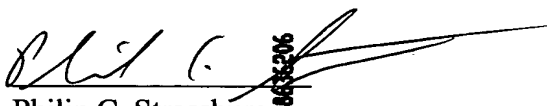
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application mailed on December 10, 1997 be extended by two months, such that it expires on May 10, 1998.

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